

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF SUSAN SCANLAN

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and legacy of Susan Scanlan.

Susan was a public servant, leader, and mentor who dedicated herself to improving the lives of women and families. This personal drive led Susan to help found the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues and its associated policy arm, the Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI), in 1977. For five years, Susan served as the Caucus's director before taking the helm of WREI's Congressional Fellowship on Women and Public Policy, which provides aspiring policy leaders with invaluable Capitol Hill experience. Thanks to Susan's leadership, the WREI Congressional Fellowship (and its successor) has placed hundreds of talented fellows in congressional offices, bringing their unique talents, strengths, and passion for women's issues to the Hill.

Throughout my service in Congress, I have had the pleasure and honor of hosting over a dozen fellows through this successful program. These fellows have been incredible assets to both my office and the work of the institution. Most importantly, however, they have had the unique opportunity to gain firsthand experience in policymaking—all because of Susan's work. Today, the WREI Congressional Fellowship—Susan's legacy—lives on through the Congressional Fellowships on Women and Public Policy.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

HONORING REBECCA BERBERIAN AS A 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Rebecca Berberian of Glendale, California.

A native Angeleno, Rebecca Berberian, RN, BSN, MHA, has been a resident of Glendale for over thirty years. She attained a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Pacific Union College, in Angwin, California, and a Master's in Healthcare Administration from Cal State LA while working fulltime. She began her career

in healthcare in 1988 as an operating room nurse at LAC+USC Medical Center and later went on to work as a surgical nurse at Adventist Health White Memorial in Los Angeles. She has worked at Adventist Health White Memorial for more than three decades, and presently serves as the hospital's director of the Risk Management and Infection Prevention departments. In this capacity, Rebecca develops policies and procedures to promote patient safety, collects and analyzes infection data, manages hospital claims, and coordinates with local and national public health agencies. As a mission driven and faith-based organization, Adventist Health White Memorial has encouraged Rebecca to follow her passion of volunteering and working in several medical missions in underserved regions of Peru, Armenia and Artsakh.

Ms. Berberian is wholeheartedly dedicated to her work and to the community that the hospital serves. Her passion for her job became even more evident during the coronavirus pandemic. Specifically during the surge periods, she worked long hours supporting the hospital's efforts in responding to the pandemic, including taking part in strategic decision-making about converting hospital units to accommodate high hospitalization rates, contact tracing infections among staff, and securing personal protective equipment. Rebecca demonstrated compassion and empathy towards families during their loved ones' hospital stays and did everything she could to support them. She has also volunteered at the hospital's vaccination clinics. Rebecca is thankful for her colleagues and hospital administration for the teamwork, support, and expertise that was displayed during this unprecedented time.

In addition to her career in healthcare, Ms. Berberian is active in the Armenian Relief Society (ARS), which is an international educational, philanthropic, and humanitarian organization. She served as the ARS Western USA Chairwoman and also as Chair of the Los Angeles ARS Maro Chapter, where she is currently a member. In her roles as chairperson, she oversaw the work of the ARS Saturday Armenian schools and led fundraising campaigns. Rebecca continues to work for the betterment of Armenians in the homeland and diaspora.

Rebecca is married to her husband, Sarkis, and together they have two daughters, Alique and Lori.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Rebecca Berberian.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATAVIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Batavia Business and Professional Women's Club on its centennial anniversary.

The Batavia Business and Professional Women's Club was founded in 1921, at a time when all other local clubs were exclusive to men. Its mission was clear from the start: for women to meet and contribute meaningfully to the greater community. Under the leadership of its first president, Miss Lillian Bender, the club garnered notoriety remarkably fast. Miss Bender received telegrams from countless esteemed individuals—President Harding, Vice President Coolidge, General Pershing, and Marshal Ferdinand Foch—all extending their congratulations for her work to establish such a progressive organization. By the end of 1921, the club had attracted more than one-hundred new members.

The Batavia Business and Professional Women's Club has been a key resource for local communities throughout its one-hundred-year history, including in recent years. More recently, the club has provided meals and snacks to Habitat for Humanity volunteers, donated baskets to the Holland Land Office's annual Christmas fundraiser, and sponsored a family for the Thanksgiving holiday. Members of the organization have also routinely volunteered with the Salvation Army, the United Way, and the Batavia Public School System. Sponsoring fundraisers for local women owned businesses is another way the club supports its community. The organization holds fundraising events for several other purposes each year, such as events to raise money for college scholarships and service organizations.

The Batavia Business and Professional Women's Club is proud to attract a diverse membership. Since its inception, the club has brought together small business owners, schoolteachers, local government officials, self-made entrepreneurs, medical professionals, and countless other women from an array of fields and occupations. Among the members today, I would particularly like to recognize the teachers and employees of the Batavia City School District, the professionals at Genesee Cancer Assistance, and the small business owners from local favorites, such as Foxprowl Collectables and Jeanne's Table, both located in Batavia.

I thank all the women of the Batavia Business and Professional Women's Club for their unwavering commitment to local growth through community service and their many impressive professions, and I again congratulate the club on its centennial anniversary.

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